### COST SHARE AGREEMENT

#### Between

## USDI BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT MILES CITY FIELD OFFICE

#### And

# MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION EASTERN LAND OFFICE

Following is the cost share agreement between the above mentioned agencies as it was negotiated for the following incident:

**INCIDENT NAME:** 

POWDER RIVER COMPLEX

**INCIDENT NUMBER:** 

MT-MCD-000096

**INCIDENT CHARGE NUMBERS BY AGENCY:** 

USDI BLM: DV7W

MT DNRC: 84031

**INCIDENT START DATE AND TIME:** 

AUGUST 11, 2007

19:00

## **PROTECTION AGENCIES:**

USDI BLM, for:

- a) USDI-BLM lands
- b) USDA FS lands
- c) Private lands under affidavit agreements

MT DNRC, via County Cooperative agreements, for State and Private lands within:

- a) Powder River county
- b) Rosebud county
- c) Bighorn county

**INCIDENT CAUSE:** 

LIGHTNING

**COST SHARE PERIOD:** 

START:

AUGUST 11, 2007

19:00

END:

AUGUST 24, 2007

18:00

This cost share agreement between USDI BLM and MT DNRC was prepared under the following guidelines:

- 1. In accordance with the Montana Cooperative Fire Protection Agreement, FS Number 05-F1-11015600-014.
- 2. All costs originating from orders placed by and for the incident that can be reasonably obtained and estimated for the cost share period will be included in this agreement and will be shared by the above referenced agencies by mutual agreement.
- 3. Agency specific costs will not be shared.
- 4. Cost for nonexpendable property purchases by each agency will be charged directly to that agency and will not be shared.
- 5. Responsibility for tort claims costs or compensation for injury costs will not be a part of this agreement. Responsibility for these costs will be determined outside this agreement.
- 6. Large fire overhead support provided by Buying Team and Expanded Dispatch will not be shared in this agreement.
- 7. Non-Suppression rehabilitation costs are the responsibility of the jurisdictional agency and will not be shared.
- 8. Suppression rehabilitation costs will be specific to each fire within the complex, and will be shared in the same manner as the suppression costs.
- 9. Structural fire protection costs will be specific to each fire within the complex, and will be shared in the same manner as the suppression costs.
- 10. Aircraft and retardant costs will be specific to each fire within the complex, and will be shared in the same manner as the suppression costs. The aggregate Powder River Complex aviation costs not specific to an individual incident within the Powder River Complex costs will be shared on an overall percentage basis as per the percentage figures below.
- 11. Each agency's share of total actual costs will be computed as follows. (See attached spreadsheet, Appendix A.)
  - a. The percentage of acres representing each agency's protection responsibility will be figured for each fire within the complex, based on mapping completed by GIS specialists with Johnson's T2 IMT.
  - b. The agency percentages for each fire will be applied to that fire's estimated direct suppression costs, including aviation, from ISUITE, resulting in the total estimated agency suppression costs for that fire.
  - c. The sum of each agency's estimated costs for all the fires in the complex will be divided by the total of all the fires' costs, resulting in a weighted percentage for each agency.
  - d. This weighted percentage will be applied to all actual sharable costs.

In accordance with the attached documentation in Appendix A, it is hereby agreed that cost sharing on this incident will be:

**USDI BLM** 

77%

MT DNRC:

23%

This agreement and the apportionment described are our best judgments of fair and equitable Agency cost responsibilities.

M. Elaine Raper

USDI BLM Miles City Field Office Manager

Date

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